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1. The Soviet Air Force unit had almost completely evacuated the Brandenburg-Arado (N 53/Z 23) airfield on 22 February 1950. A fighter with in-line engine was standing on the compensation stand. The hangars were closed. No planes landed at the field between 9 and 11 a.m. The field workers said that two or three biplanes were parked in a hangar and tanks and guns were stored in the other hangars. The former Pioneer Kaserne, previously occupied by the Soviet Air Force, was recently occupied by tank and artillery soldiers.
2. The field was guarded by Soviet Army soldiers on 23 February 1950. The hangars were closed. Ruts made by tanks were seen at the field and in its surroundings. Local residents said that 60 to 70 armored vehicles were parked in the hangars. Individual biplanes allegedly landed at the field at irregular intervals. There was a cement runway extending from the southeastern corner across the field toward the west-northwest.

Comments:

Report is a supplement to items 2 and 3 of a previous report* supplied by the same sources. The information that the hangars and the former Pioneer Kaserne are occupied by army units again confirms that the field is no longer occupied by an air unit.

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